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### **Growing Workforce Needs Put Registered Apprenticeship Back in the Spotlight**

The United States Department of Labor has invested significant funding into accelerating the expansion of registered apprenticeships across the nation. Missouri's Division of Workforce Development was one of 37 grantees awarded an ApprenticeshipUSA Expansion Grant. As a workforce professional, do you know the importance of Registered Apprenticeships? [Find out here.](#)

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## Faces of Workforce

Meet some of your [Workforce Development System co-workers](#) from around the State. The staff in this month's newsletter were recently in Jefferson City to attend training or are new to Central Office.



## From Deployment to Employment: Veteran Success Stories from the Field

Veterans Representatives across the state have been hard at work helping members of the armed forces find jobs once they return home. [Here are just a few of their recent successes.](#)

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### Meet Tom Christine, Disabled Veterans Outreach Program representative, and Kirksville's no longer *Best Kept Secret*



Tom has only been on the job six-short months, but already he's making a difference in the lives of those he serves in Northeast Missouri.

To read about his success connecting veterans and meaningful employment, [click here](#).



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### Park Hills/Iron County 1st Annual Transition Fair

The Arcadia Valley and Fredericktown School Districts recently held their First Annual Transition Fair, bringing students, teachers and community

agencies together for an interactive experience assisting students with disabilities or barriers. More than 100 students from three counties learned about the options for assistance available in transitioning from high school to employment or secondary education.

Vickey Bonney, DWD Employment Specialist, and Angel Pickens, Youth Transition Specialist, with the Missouri Job Center, Park Hills, provided information on programs and assistance available through the Job Center.



### **Lisa Mizer Receives Community Award**

Lisa Mizer, Central Region Supervisor, was recently honored with the ***Leaders Honor Roll*** award from the Camden County MU Extension office. Dr. Rebecca J. Travnichek, Extension Professional, Family Financial Education Specialist, chose Lisa for this recognition.

“Each year our office selects an individual for the Leaders Honor Roll program, which is intended to honor outstanding University of Missouri Extension community leaders who have excelled in supporting or co-teaching named programs. Through my involvement in teaching financial workshops within the Missouri Career Center in Linn Creek, I chose Lisa for the Leaders Honor Roll. Based upon University of Missouri Extension Strategic Direction Priority focusing on 'Building Strong, Individuals, Families and Communities', Lisa was helpful and encouraged individuals seeking education and training to improve their lives.”

Other selection criteria and program priorities include enhanced economic viability, and

creating and sustaining healthy environments.

*Congratulations Lisa!*

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Workforce System staff make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. We know there are many success stories from across the state waiting to be told.

Send us your staff accomplishments and job seeker or employer success stories to share how your Center is making a difference in your community!



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